

BILL NO. 84-44

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 84-44

Council President Hardwicke at the  
request of the County Executive

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Day No. 84-23 Date July 10, 1984

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article II of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, Legislative Branch, by repealing and re-enacting Section 213 thereof, subtitled, County Auditor; to provide for additional time in submitting the annual financial audit; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, July 10, 1984

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 7, 1984

at: 6:30 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on August 7, 1984 and concluded on August 7, 1984.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford  
2 County, Maryland, that Article II, Section 213 of the Charter of  
3 Harford County, Maryland, titled, Legislative Branch, subtitled,  
4 County Auditor, be, and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with  
5 amendments, all to read as follows:

6 Article II. Legislative Branch.

7 Section 213. County Auditor.

8 (a) The Council shall appoint a County Auditor who shall  
9 serve at the pleasure of the Council and shall receive such  
10 compensation as the Council may determine. The County Auditor  
11 shall be a certified public accountant licensed under the law of  
12 this state.

13 (b) The County Auditor shall, not later than [three] FOUR  
14 months after the close of each fiscal year, prepare and submit to  
15 the Council and to the County Executive, a complete financial  
16 audit for the preceding fiscal year of all agencies that receive  
17 or disburse County funds. The audit shall include a report  
18 together with such explanatory comments as the County Auditor may  
19 deem appropriate. The report and explanatory comments shall be  
20 published in at least two newspapers published in the County, and  
21 copies of the complete audit shall be open for inspection by the  
22 public. The Council may exempt on an annual basis those agencies  
23 whose entire records, accounts, and affairs are completely  
24 audited each year by the state or federal government AND MAY, FOR  
25 GOOD CAUSE, GRANT AN EXTENSION TO SUBMIT THE FINANCIAL AUDIT.

26 (c) All records and files pertaining to the receipt and  
27 expenditure of County funds by all officers, agents, and  
28 employees of the County and all agencies thereof, shall at all  
29 times be open to the inspection of the County Auditor who shall  
30 promptly call to the attention of the Council and the County  
31 Executive any irregularity or improper procedure which may be  
32 discovered.

1 (d) The Council shall have the power to implement the  
2 provisions of this section and to assign additional functions,  
3 duties, and personnel to the County Auditor. All actions of the  
4 Council pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the  
5 Executive veto.

6 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that before this act  
7 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum of  
8 the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance with  
9 Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at the  
10 General Election to be held in November of 1984. There shall be  
11 printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this  
12 election the title of this act, and underneath the title, on  
13 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the  
14 words, "For \_\_\_\_," and a corresponding square or box to the right  
15 of and opposite the words, "Against \_\_\_\_," so that each voter of  
16 the County may designate his or her decision for or against the  
17 provisions of this act. If a majority of the votes cast in the  
18 election are "For\_\_\_\_," the provisions of this act shall become  
19 effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day following the  
20 election, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are  
21 "Against \_\_\_\_," the provisions of this act shall be of no effect  
22 and null and void.

23 Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted, that subject to the  
24 provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of  
25 providing for the Referendum therein required, this act shall  
26 take effect on the date it becomes law.

27 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of this Bill,  
28 December 7, 1984

29 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*  
30 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill*  
31 *are immediately available for distribution to*  
32 *the public and the press.*

*Angela Markowski* , Secretary  
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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 84-25 (August 7, 1984)

Failed of Passage \_\_\_\_\_

By order

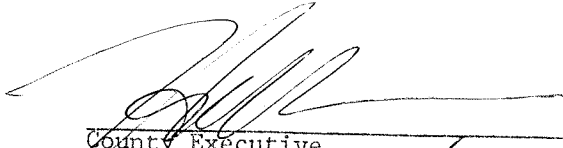
Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for his approval this 8th day of August, 19 84  
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

  
 County Executive
Date 8-9-84

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 84-44), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 9, 1984, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski  
 Secretary of the Council

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the voters of Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question A) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 6, 1984, stands effective December 7, 1984.

Angela Markowski  
 Secretary of the Council